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To whom it may concern,

I am a citizen and a voter in this great nation. Additionally, I am an avid computer user. I am gravely concerned about the status of the Microsoft Settlement.

Microsoft Corporation, as shown by the courts, holds an unfair and illegal monopoly. The company pursues business practices that are in antithesis to the competitive spirit of American business. Their business practices, contrary to anything their Public Relations office may say, stifle innovation. Microsoft has successfully foisted upon computer users an operating system that is insecure and unstable. Businesses that dare speak out against their shady business dealings soon find that they are declaring bankruptcy.

The settlement as proposed has no teeth. It is in essence a slap on the wrist. Furthermore there are no concrete provisions for enforcement. As the settlement stands now, an internal compliance officer will be hired. I don't think it takes a psychic to see how effective that would be.

If I as a private citizen broke the law, the court would not assign my uncle as the probation officer.

I am opposed to the current settlement. My tax dollars funded the prosecution of the antitrust case, and to see such a paltry settlement angers me greatly. I urge you to rethink the settlement.

Sincerely,  
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